

Acres irrigation District, Post Falls, Idaho, on behalf of the American Water Works Association; Dan Keil, Montana Rural Water Systems, Conrad, on behalf of the National Rural Water Association; David Ozonoff, Boston University School of Public Health, Boston, Massachusetts; Richard J. Bull, Battelle Pacific Northwest Laboratories, Richland, Washington; and William R. Mills, Jr., Orange County Water District, Orange County, California, on behalf of the Association of California Water Agencies.

BUDGET RECONCILIATION

Committee on Finance: Committee completed its review of certain spending reductions and revenue increases to meet reconciliation expenditures as imposed by H. Con. Res. 67, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002, and agreed on recommendations which it will make thereon to the Committee on the Budget.

RUBY RIDGE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology, and Government Information held

hearings to examine certain Federal law enforcement actions with regard to the 1992 incident at Ruby Ridge, Idaho, receiving testimony from Louis J. Freeh, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

RURAL AND URBAN COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION

Committee on Small Business: Committee held hearings on proposals to revitalize American rural and urban communities, including provisions of S. 743, S. 1184, and S. 1252, receiving testimony from Senators Abraham, Lieberman, and Ashcroft; Jack Kemp, Empower America, Marc Bendick, Jr., Bendick and Egan Economic Consultants, Inc., and Paul S. Grogan, Local Initiatives Support Corporation, all of Washington, D.C.; Blair Forlaw, East-West Gateway Coordinating Council, St. Louis, Missouri; and Randall C. Gideon, KVG Gideon/Toal, Inc., Fort Worth, Texas, on behalf of the American Institute of Architects.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 8 public bills, H.R. 2507–2514; and 2 private bills, H.R. 2515, 2516; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 240, were introduced. **Page H10484**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H. Res. 239, providing for the consideration of H.R. 2492, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996 (H. Rept. 104–283); and

H.R. 994, to require the periodic review and automatic termination of Federal regulations, amended (H. Rept. 104–284, Part 1). **Pages H10464, H10484**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative LaHood to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Committees To Sit: The following committees and their subcommittees received permission to sit today during proceedings of the House under the 5-minute rule: Committees on Agriculture, Commerce, Government Reform and Oversight, International Relations, the Judiciary, Resources, Science, Small Business, and Transportation and Infrastructure.

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Medicare Preservation Act: By a yea-and-nay vote of 231 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 731, the House passed H.R. 2425, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to preserve and reform the medicare program. **Pages H10328–H10464**

Rejected the Gephardt motion to recommit the bill to the Committees on Ways and Means and Commerce with instructions to report it back forthwith containing an amendment that strikes language relating to the extension of Part B premiums (rejected by a recorded vote of 183 yeas to 249 noes, Roll No. 730). **Pages H10462–64**

Agreed to the amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule (text of H.R. 2485), as modified by the rule. **Page H10461**

Rejected the Gibbons amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to reduce medicare by \$90 billion over seven years, reduce Part A spending by an amount sufficient to extend the solvency of the Part A hospital trust fund to 2006, and reduce cost sharing by medicare beneficiaries by freezing the Part B premium for one year and providing that the monthly premium in succeeding years would be below the level under current law (rejected by a recorded vote of 149 yeas to 283 noes, Roll No. 729).

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H. Res. 238, the rule under which the bill was considered, was agreed to earlier by a recorded vote of 227 ayes to 192 noes, Roll No. 727. Agreed to order the previous question on the rule by a yea-and-nay vote of 231 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 726.

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Late Report: Conferees received permission to have until midnight Friday, October 20, to file a conference report on H.R. 2002, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996.

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Presidential Message—Budget Deferrals: Read a message from the President wherein reports three deferrals of budgetary resources, totaling \$122.8 million and affecting the International Security Assistance program, and the Departments of Health and Human Services and State—referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 104–125).

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Quorum Calls—Votes: One Quorum call (Roll No. 728), two yea-and-nay votes, and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H10327, H10327–28, H10459–60, H10461, H10463–64, and H10464.

Adjournment: Met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FOOD FOR PEACE PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 2493, Food for Peace Reauthorization Act of 1995.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Approved for full Committee action the District of Columbia appropriations for fiscal year 1996.

POSTMARK PROMPT PAYMENT ACT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Postal Service held a hearing on H.R. 1963, Postmark Prompt Payment Act of 1995. Testimony was heard from Representatives Boehlert, Romero-Barceló, Jacobs, Stockman, Barrett of Wisconsin, and Blute; and public witnesses.

FARM BILL TRADE PROVISIONS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade held a hearing on the Trade Provisions in the 1995 Farm bill. Testimony was heard from August Schumacher,

Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law approved for full committee action the following measures: H.R. 2064, to grant the consent of Congress to an amendment of the Historic Chattahoochee Compact between the States of Alabama and Georgia; and H.J. Res. 78, amended, to grant the consent of the Congress to certain additional powers conferred upon the Bi-State Development Agency by the States of Missouri and Illinois; and H.R. 394, amended, to amend title 4 of the United States Code to limit State taxation of certain pension income.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on H.R. 2064 and H.J. Res. 78. Testimony was heard from Representatives Everett and Talent.

OVERSIGHT—UNITED STATES COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held an oversight hearing on the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. Testimony was heard from Representatives Foley, Slaughter, Shaw, and Rohrabacher; Mary Mathews, Staff Director, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights; and a public witness.

MEDICAL PROCEDURES INNOVATION AND AFFORDABILITY ACT; INVENTOR PROTECTION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1127, Medical Procedures Innovation and Affordability Act; and H.R. 2419, Inventor Protection Act of 1995. Testimony was heard from Senator Lieberman; Representatives Ganske and Wyden; G. Lee Skillington, Counsel, Office of Legislative and International Affairs, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 2418, amended, DNA Identification Grants Improvement Act of 1995; H.R. 1533, to amend title 18, United States Code, to increase the penalty for escaping from a Federal prison; and H.R. 2359, amended, to clarify the method of execution of Federal prisoners.